## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is soliciting written proposals from consulting firms, non-governmental organizations, and public institutions to assist MDEQ, on an as needed basis, with Marsh Habitat Monitoring in relation to the Utilization of Dredge Material for Marsh Restoration in Coastal Mississippi (the Project) funded through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, Agreement #45721.

Detailed information is available from and on file at the MDEQ office. To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) please visit <a href="www.restore.ms">www.restore.ms</a>, or contact Melanie Green at melanie <a href="green@deq.state.ms.us">green@deq.state.ms.us</a> or 601.961.5270.

An optional pre-submittal conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. CST on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Gulfport-Airport , 9515Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503. The purpose of the pre-submittal conference is to allow potential offerors an opportunity to present questions to staff and obtain clarification of the procurement requirements. A summary of the conference shall be supplied to all prospective offerors known to have received a copy of the RFP.

Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. CST, Wednesday, March 9, 2016. MDEQ will not be responsible for delayed or lost mail received after the deadline. All packages received after this deadline will be returned unopened. The original and five (5) copies of the proposal and all attachments shall be signed and submitted, along with a digital copy of the proposal in PDF format on a CD-ROM or USB flash drive, in a sealed envelope or package to:

Proposal for Marsh Habitat Monitoring Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Melanie Green 515 East Amite Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201

MDEQ reserves the right to reject any and/or all packages and waive any minor informality.